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Disaster Preparedness Training Available FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Area residents who would like to learn how to be prepared to respond to emergencies in their communities are invited to attend a free training course. Wisconsin Emergency Management, in cooperation with the Tribal Nations is now accepting registrations for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training course scheduled for June 10-12, 2005.

The CERT program teaches citizens how to not only help their families be better prepared for emergencies, but also how to assist their neighbors when emergencies or disasters strike. CERT is a national training that prepares citizens to respond in both man-caused and natural disasters.

The CERT Program involves a series of classes which will be held from Friday, June 10 thru Sunday, June 12, 2005. The class includes presentations, discussions and hands on experience on topics ranging from disaster preparedness, fire suppression, first aid, and search and rescue. Using their training, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event and can take a more active role in preparing their community.

This class will be held at the Ho-Chunk Nation Wellness Center, E11245 Littlegeorge, Baraboo, WI beginning Friday, June 10 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday, June 11 - 12 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Registration is free but space is limited.

Registration forms are available on the Wisconsin Emergency Management website at <http://emergencymanagement.wi.gov>, or contact Margie Welsh, Wisconsin Emergency Management, (608) 242-3222 or e-mail at margie.welsh@dma.state.wi.us.

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